

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 36-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being Indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant cancelled claim 36, claims 39-46, and claim 51 without prejudice or disclaimer regarding the content therein.

Applicant has amended claims 37, 38, 47, and 52 as directed by the Examiner. Claims 48 and 50, depending from claim 47, have been amended accordingly.

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Veres *et al.* (US patent no. 6,614,790).

Claims 39-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoar *et al.* (US patent no. 7,123,583).

Claims 36 and 39-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner indicated that each of claims 38 and 52 contains limitations in the preamble that should be incorporated into the body of the respective claim.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 37, 38, 47, and 52 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C.

112, second paragraph, set forth in the office action.

Applicant has amended the four claims together with some of their dependent claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Claims 36, 39-46, and 51 have been cancelled by way of this amendment without prejudice or disclaimer regarding the content therein. Claims 37, 38, 47, 48, 50, 52, and 53 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims of the application are earnestly solicited.

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